

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF FEDERAL AIR QUALITY CONSTRUCTION PERMIT  
AND PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY, REGION 5  
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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60604

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) proposes to issue Air Quality Permit No. PSD-ML-R50005-02-01 to the Mille Lacs Band Corporate Commission doing business as Grand Casino Hinckley, 777 Grand Avenue, HCR 67, Box 240, Onamia, Minnesota 56359. The permit would authorize Grand Casino Hinckley to install three (3) diesel engine generator sets at 777 Lady Luck Drive, Route 3, Box 15, Hinckley, Minnesota 55037. The location of the facility which would house the engines is approximately one and one half mile east of I-35, south of Highway 48 in Pine County, Minnesota. The permit action is for a Federal Prevention of Deterioration (PSD) construction permit which would be issued pursuant to the Clean Air Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 52.21. The public comment period for the draft permit ends November 10, 2002.

The proposed facility would be located on land that is held in trust for the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. Under the Clean Air Act, it is the EPA's responsibility to issue construction permits to prospective major sources located in Indian Country, until such time as the tribe has adopted and had approved an appropriate air quality permit program. Because the Mille Lacs Band does not yet have an EPA-approved air quality construction permit program, the EPA is reviewing and potentially will issue a PSD construction permit to this source.

The engines will be owned and operated by Mille Lacs Band Corporate Commission dba/Grand Casino Hinckley. The shaft power of each engine will drive an 1825 kilowatt generator to produce a total of 5.5 megawatts of electricity. The electricity produced will be used for peak load management and backup power for the Grand Casino Hinckley. Electricity generated at the facility will not be sold for distribution. The project is regulated by the PSD construction permitting program because the potential nitrogen oxide emissions from the engine generator project is above 250 tons per year if operated continuously.

Any interested person may submit written comments on the proposed permit and may request a public hearing during the public comment period. All comments will be considered in making the final decision and will be answered by the EPA. All comments received during the comment period will be included in the administrative record and will be available to the public. The public comment period on the draft permit ends November 10, 2002.

Any request for a public hearing must be in writing and should state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised during the hearing. If the EPA finds that a hearing will contribute to the decision-making process by clarifying significant issues, a hearing will be announced. Any person may

submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit during any scheduled public hearing. A tape recording or written transcript of the hearing will be made available to the public.

Persons who submit comments to the U.S. EPA should state:

- 1.Their interest in the draft permit;
- 2.The action they wish EPA to take, including specific references to the portions of the draft permit they believe should be changed, if any; and
- 3.The reasons supporting their position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow EPA to investigate the merits of the position.

All data submitted by the applicant including the permit application, the draft permit, statement of basis, public comments received, and any other information regarding this permit is available as part of the administrative record. The administrative record for the facility may be viewed between 8:15 a.m. and 4:45 p.m., Monday through Friday at EPA Region 5, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, 18<sup>th</sup> floor, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or during normal business hours at the Hinckley Public Library, 106 First Street SE, Hinckley, Minnesota 55037. Send comments, requests for a public hearing, and requests to receive notices of any future actions to Steve Rothblatt, Acting Director, Air and Radiation Division (A-18J), at the above EPA address or fax to (312) 353-1661. All relevant, timely comments and requests will be considered. For copies of all or part of the administrative record contact Faye Blondin (AR-18J) at the above EPA address, call (312) 353-5069, or email to [blondin.faye@epa.gov](mailto:blondin.faye@epa.gov).